(c) the import of LPG, if any, during last three years;

(d) the import envisaged during the years, 2007-08 and 2008-09; and

(e) the action plan to reduce import of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The domestic demand of LPG during, 2006-07 was 9750.0 TMT (provisional).

(b) The domestic production of LPG by oil companies, both private and public, during 2006-07 was 8454 TMT (provisional).

(c) The import of LPG during the last three years is as under:

Year		TMT
2006-07 (Prov.)	—	2288
2005-06	—	2883
2004-05	—	2334

(d) The import envisaged during 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as under:

Year	—	TMT
2007-08	—	1730
2008-09	—	1550

(e) In order to reduce the import of LPG, the domestic production of LPG in the country is sought to be increased through refinery expansion/modernization plans, implementation of LPG maximization project and enhanced capacity utilization and also through supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to rationalize demand for LPG. The Working Group on Petroleum and Natural Gas Sector for the Eleventh Plan has projected reduction in deficit of LPG availability to 100 TMT by the terminal year of Eleventh Plan, *i.e.* 2011-12 from the current level of 2288 TMT in 2006-07.

Consumption of Natural Gas

386. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the base price of Natural Gas in dollar/million btu in the following areas/sector for North East and for Fertilizer and Power under Administrative Pricing Mechanism (APM);

(b) the total gas consumed in the above areas/sector in the last three years; and

(c) the annual consumption of natural gas during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The basic price of gas supplied under the Administrative Price Mechanism (APM) in the North East to consumers of Power and

Fertilizers sector is Rs. 1920 per Metric Standard Cubic Metre (MSCM). The basic price of gas for small scale consumers, *i.e.*, those consuming below 50,000 Standard Cubic Metres per day, and court mandated consumers in the North-East is Rs. 2304/ MSCM. At an exchange rate of Rs. 40.42 = 1 US $, these rates would be US $ 1.2/ MMBTU and US $ 1.44/MMBTU respectively. The basic price of gas for Fertilizers and Power sectors for the rest of the country is Rs. 3200/MSCM, which is equivalent to US $ 2.00/MMBTU at the mentioned exchange rate. The mentioned gas price is for Net Calorific Value (NCV) of 10,000 K. cal/SCM.

(b) The APM gas consumed in the North-East in the last three years is as follows:

(in MMSCMD)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
5.522	6.001	6.343

The APM gas consumed in the Fertilizers and Power sectors in the last three years is as follows:

(in MMSCMD)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
45.09	41.68	41.13

(c) The annual consumption of natural gas in the country during the last three years is as follows:

(in MMSCMD)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
84.3	85.0	96.7

Price fixation of gas

†387. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fixation of selling price of gas has become a matter of dispute in the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the views of the gas sellers and the gas buyers on price fixation of gas; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of well considered basis for selling price of gas, the sellers and also the buyers are feeling cheated themselves if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The average gas supply in the country

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.